

SAMPLE QUESTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS

Physical and Mental Health:

- Does my client have a previous diagnosis?
- Am I questioning if my client is competent?
- Does my client appear physically healthy? Is he or she in pain?
- What red flags am I noticing when it comes to his or her mental health?
- Do I need to ask for a psych. eval?
- Is my client on medication and regularly taking it?
- What kind of treatment is my client currently receiving? Who should I reach out to if my client is not receiving any treatment?

Nurturing and Positive Adult Relationships:

- Have I fulfilled all my promises to my client?
 - Have I kept my client informed of the progress I am making on their case?
 - Are you calling, visiting client especially if they are if detained?
- Does my client have an appropriate adult to talk to about their life?
 - Who does my client have in their life that is an adult support?
 - Does my client need a mentor?
 - Who can I reach out to in my community to provide one?

Family, Housing and Benefits:

- What is client's relationship like with family?
- Is living situation safe? Who lives in the home?
 - If it is not safe, exploring options before court can intervene
- Does client need assistance in applying for benefits?
- Does my client want to return to the same living situation? Why or Why not?

Educational Opportunity:

- What kind of child do the administrators and teachers at my client's school perceive my client to be?
- Are the educational deficits that are not being addressed?
- Is s/he being suspended or expelled?
- Is s/he missing lots of school? If so, why?

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- Do the classes my client attends make sense to their schedule and concerns?
- Is my client on track to graduate? At what age would they graduate?
- Does the client have dreams/aspirations of what they want to do and a realistic way to get there?

Economic Opportunity:

- How is my client getting food and clothing?
- Does my client need a job?
- What resources are available in the community to meet these needs to become more independent?
- What barriers exist?
 - Is my client old enough to work?
 - Where can my client obtain a work permit?
 - Are there resources in my community to address these barriers I can refer to?

Structured Activities & Civic Participation:

- What extracurricular programs is my client already in?
- If none, what are my clients interests?
 - Dance, music, cooking, sports, etc.
 - What is available at school?
 - Have you heard of any program in the community that would be a good fit?

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